

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 1-6 and 15-20 are currently pending. All claims except claim 2 are amended in this Response.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102: Claims 1-6

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 as anticipated by Tamano, U.S. Patent No. 5,930,799, while claims 15-20 were rejected as obvious over Tamano in view of Narayanan, U.S. Patent No. 5,598,519. The office action considered table 20 shown on Figure 3 of Tamano to show the cells of the present invention. Narayanan is used to show a linking method.

In response to the previous (or fourth) office action, the applicant pointed out that the prior art cited in the fourth office did not reveal anything significantly different than the prior art that was cited in office actions one and three. Consequently, the previous response compared that fourth office action with the earlier office actions in order to show the similarities and to argue the patentability of the present invention. In this fifth office action, the applicant again believes that the prior art shows nothing beyond that shown in office actions one, three, and four. More specifically, the Tamano reference shows only a well-known database table that happens to contain four columns, while the Narayanan patent shows only the linking of two different data items through the use of an array and an index. As was the case in the earlier office actions, neither reference teaches the limitations found in the claims.

Examiner Interview and Current Response

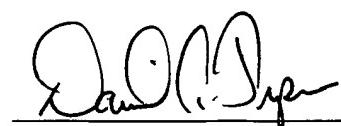
In the Examiner Interview on October 18, 2006, the applicant explained the present invention and discussed the distinctions over the prior art. The above amendments were agreed to between the Examiner and the applicant to ensure that the claims covered statutory subject matter.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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